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ST. CASIMIR

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St. Casimir was born in the royal palace of Cracow sometime about the middle of the 15th century, and was the 3rd son of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria. His mother believed in education and didn't want her children to fall under the corrupting influence of the luxuries of the royal court. So Casimir's training began when he was 9 years old. He learned the fundamentals of reading and writing in the Polish language, the art of public speaking; and prayer and virtuous living from a scholarly Catholic priest who was his tutor. Apparently Casimir was an outstanding pupil. He could speak Polish, the language of the court; he could speak German, the language of his Mother; and Latin, the language of the church. If he didn't learn Lithuanian from his father, Casimir undoubtedly mastered it as a result of his long stays in Lithuania.

Casimir was a devout man. His bed was often on the ground and frequently he spent a great part of the night in prayer and meditation--mainly on the passion of our Savior. St. Casimir's clothes were not princely robes, but they were plain; and under them he wore a hair shirt. His charity was manifested in his love of the poor people and he gave them everything that he owned.

St. Casimir's father realized that court life could teach his sons something not found in books. Thus Casimir was initiated into the official functions of the court, such as receptions of visiting Ambassadors and Dignitaries, state banquets, and sessions of the royal council.

Frequently Prince Casimir accompanied his father to Lithuania, his father's land. And during these visits, Prince Casimir became experienced in the practical affairs of state, assisting his father in the royal chancery, and in other administrative offices. He was fully aware how seriously the recently baptized Lithuania was threatened by Russian Orthodoxy, which refused to recognize the authority of the Pope. In order to check the expansion of Orthodox Christianity into Lithuania proper, Casimir urged his father to discourage by law the construction of Orthodox Churches, except where they were necessary to serve those who were already Orthodox.

When he was 25 years old, Casimir's health began to fail; and this was the first signs of the dread tuberculosis. Some say the illness was brought on by the severity of his penance. Regardless, he died holding a crucifix in one hand and a flickering candle in the other.

Among the most outstanding miracles of St. Casimir is his intercession to help Lithuanians in their struggle for survival against the Russians.

In 1518 a powerful Muscovite army was besieging a



St. Casimir by J. Mackevičius

Lithuanian fortress. A small Lithuanian force sent to relieve the stronghold hesitated before the swollen waters of a river. Suddenly a miracle happened--out of nowhere appeared an armored knight riding a white steed. With a sword held high he charged across the river into the ranks of the frightened Russians. The Lithuanians plunged across the river after St. Casimir. With his help and inspiration, the advance of the Russians was checked.

Since this time, St. Casimir has become a symbol to Lithuanians in their struggle against Moscow. The people have remembered the help given by their patron; and this is recaptured in one of the hymns they chanted, which begins "St. Casimir came down from heaven and was seen on high by the soldiers."

During the 19th century-occupation of Lithuania, the Russians wouldn't tolerate this hymn and officially forbade the people to sing it. But the people continued to sing it -- if not aloud, in their hearts, in their spirit, and in their will to be free.

And even today in the 20th century, the Lithuanian people must sing this hymn. And we too can join the people of our ancestor's fatherland and pray for its liberation from Soviet occupation.



FR. VAL

Have you noticed how certain words have been gradually disappearing from our daily vocabulary. Well, not exactly disappearing, they're still in our standard dictionaries, but have sort of gone out of style. Like communism, we kind of co-exist with them. Words like punishment, poverty, judgement, sin, hell. Come to think of it, we seldom hear them mentioned even in church. Emphasis on understanding, brotherhood and love has created a feeling that with the complete realization of these virtues there will no longer be any call for dealing with the above undesirable. Yet, how can we esteem reward if there be no punishment; abundance without poverty; freedom under law without lawless license; virtue without sin; cleanliness without dirt. Like good things that are creatures of God, evil exists by His permission, not as evil in itself, but as something to carry us on in a ceaseless effort to avoid and prevent it and seek only the good.

Since it is the business of religion to tell us what our relationship with God is, - why He created us, what He expects of us, where we are going; it is within its scope to tell us how to disport ourselves and make use of God's creations to achieve the ultimate goal God had in mind when He gave us life and placed us in the particular environment we find ourselves.

Sacrifice is a word that falls in the above mentioned category of undesirable. As unwelcome as it is, it is a very necessary ingredient of the science of religion. It contains an essential formula for using the so-called 'evil' in the world toward the full achievement of God's desires for us. This formula tells us many things that we do not care for exactly. For instance, it says that if we have a comfortable amount of material possessions, it is our duty to share it with another who is less fortunate. It tells us, that if we are in sound health, that we use our strength in relieving the suffering of those in pain, as far as it is within the range of our abilities to do so, but especially to relieve them by helping them use their affliction toward the attainment of God's purpose in their misfortune.

Religion, and in our case, the Catholic Church tells us that the fulfilment of God's intentions is not an easy

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thing, that it is more like competing in an obstacle course. It warns us that it is filled with misleading directions, enticing suggestions, alluring offers - hardly ever direct misinformation - of a shorter and simpler way of reaching the goal. Sacrifice posts warning signs, unpleasant, seemingly unnecessary reminders, about the truest most direct way to salvation.

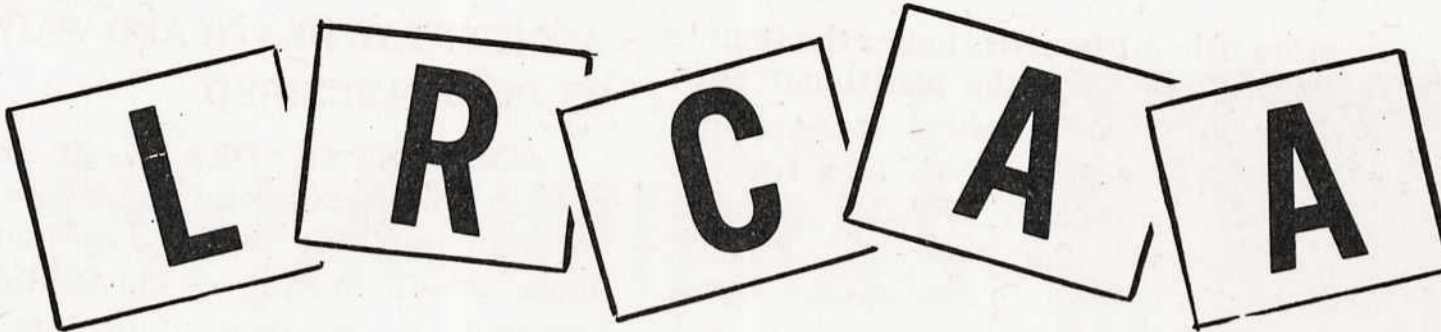
Most of us look upon fast, abstinence, mortification, almsgiving as the Churches' idea of making things miserable for the faithful. Well, in a way, it is something like that. Yet, it is a way of giving us the answer to God's question, "Son(daughter), how much do you love Me?" "Do you love Me more than these?" We should be able to reply, "Yes, Lord, for fear that I may choose them in place of You, I am WILLING to give them up." So we are offered Fridays and the days of Lent not directly to deprive us of meat or a full meal, but should our carnal appetites ever tempt us to excess, we already will have learned how to say "whoa". Sould we, endowed with plenty, feel that this was completely the result of our own ingenuity and effort, remember that we are but custodians and should merely use these possessions only in as much as they will assist us in the fulfilment of God's plans and share them in assisting others to achieve the same purpose.

You will notice that in all that has been said everything that is asked of us by religion is directed toward the accomplishment of GOD'S plan. All else is secondary. And so if we were asked to perform sacrifices for any other reason, our efforts would be as foolish and fruitless as they seemed to the eyes of the pagans in Christ's day. They saw, but they did not understand. Many of us do and do not understand, and this is more sad.

Lent is once more upon us. A somewhat trying period. We will once more be reminded that we are nothing but a handful of ashes; we will be asked to give up certain things, things that we value, not like something we would give to a rummage sale; we will be taken along the rugged way to Calvary and showed the suspended figure of Christ in all of the awfulness of His final agony; yes and we will be taken into the very cavity of the tomb where His human body was laid to rest, like ours will be someday.

We know all this, you say! You've heard it since your grammar school days. Well, your church is like the producer of a worthwhile product who used the billboards along your highways, in your public conveyances, takes endless time on your radio and TV, fills the pages of your newspapers and magazines daily and hourly

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"INSURANCE WITH A HEART"

The Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance is a Fraternal Life Insurance Society organized and conducted solely for the mutual benefit of its' members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit and members participate in equitable surplus refunds.

For that reason Fraternal Life Insurance can be properly termed as "Insurance with a Heart". The Catholic Alliance has been very helpful to Lithuanian Institutions by the granting of scholarships. Also it places considerable emphasis on Benevolence. Each year hundreds of dollars are paid to its' needy members. It is particularly important to note that the heart is extended and the members provide comfort and help to fellow members in the time of greatest need. This is why we maintain that Fraternal Life Insurance is "Insurance with a Heart." It is good fellowship, and the hand of welcome is always extended. Its' affairs are handled in a friendly business like manner. Proof of this good fellowship and the warmth that one receives in belonging to a Fraternal Society is the service that the Catholic Alliance gives to its' members. The Home Office is very proud of the fast service given to the lodges and members and we believe that good service is most important. Our claim is: "The Alliance Treats Its Members Best."

Everyone likes to belong to a society. Why not to the Catholic Alliance? It was organized from the standpoint of nationality background as well as religious, and controlled by its-insured members. Fraternal Life Insurance societies operate on a legal reserve basis and maintain reserves required by Law. The Catholic Alliance is examined periodically by insurance department examiners. There, the members have excellent protection together with reserve credits on all life insurance certificates which are set up on a sound actuarial basis.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person, male or female, may

be admitted to membership in the Alliance if he or she is in good health and of good moral character, practicing the Roman Catholic Faith, residing within the borders of the United States or Canada, not less than sixteen (16) years and not more than sixty-five (65) years nearest birthday in the adult section from date of birth to age sixteen (16) nearest birthday in the juvenile section.

For detailed information, applications or inquiries contact the local lodge officers or write to the Home Office, 71-79 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

MAKING APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are two kinds of application forms; non-medical and medical. Application for life and endowment insurance up to the amount of \$2,000 can be made on the non-medical application, providing the applicant is less than forty-five (45) years nearest birthday. If an applicant makes application for more than \$2,000, or if the applicant is aged 46 years nearest birthday; application must be made on a medical application. The later requires a medical examination.

When an application is approved for membership, a Membership Certificate is issued for the amount of life insurance applied and the new member is fully insured for the face value of the certificate from the date of issue, providing the first regular monthly dues have been received and accepted at the Home Office of the Alliance.

After making payment of dues for a period of two full years, a member has the choice of one of the three following surrender value options: (a) Cash Value, (b) Paid-Up Insurance, (c) Extended Term Insurance.

Tables of values appear in the certificate and are made part of the contract and are based on a life insurance benefit of \$1,000. If a certificate is issued for higher or lesser amounts, then the Cash and Paid Up values shall be changed proportiona-

tely. The Table for Extended Term Insurance is the same for any amount of life insurance.

ADULT AND JUVENILE CLASSES OF LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATES

LIFE PAID UP AT AGE 35. This is life insurance at low cost and the Life Paid Up at Age 85 has an advantage over Whole Life Insurance, because when a member reaches the anniversary nearest age 85 years it becomes paid up and further payment of dues cease.

20 YEAR PAYMENT LIFE. Dues are paid for 20 full years after which further payment of dues cease. If death occurs during the 20 year period, benefits are paid to the beneficiary named. When the certificate becomes fully paid up, it is retained by the member and the amount of life insurance is paid to the beneficiary at the time of death.

20 YEAR ENDOWMENT. This plan combines life insurance with savings. If the member dies within twenty years of the date of issue of the certificate the face amount is paid to the beneficiary named. If payment of dues is made on the certificate for twenty full years the face amount is paid to the member as an endowment on date of maturity after which the life insurance benefits cease.

ENDOWMENT AT AGE 65. This plan also combines life insurance with savings. If the member lives to the anniversary nearest age 65 years, the full face value of the certificate is paid in cash as an endowment, after which the life insurance will cease. If the member dies at any time before reaching the anniversary nearest age 65 years, the full face amount of the certificate is paid to the beneficiary named.

The Endowment at Age 65 Certificate should be the most attractive to applicants. It is offered for the purpose of having available a certificate which terminates at the social security retirement age at which time the full face amount of the certificate is paid in cash as an endowment.

ADDITIONAL (DOUBLE) PROTECTION BENEFITS

The Alliance has provided additional Protection Benefits in the form of Term Insurance, to applicants who apply for regular life or endowment.

A Supplemental Agreement will be issued together with the regular membership certificate.

Additional Protection Benefits gives to the applicant the advantage of doubling his life insurance at a slight increase in dues over the regular rate. This benefit differs from Double Indemnity (Accidental Death) inasmuch as the additional benefit is payable together with the regular life insurance in the event of death from any cause during the 20 year Term from date of issue of the regular membership certificate.

This additional protection is available to applicants from age 16 to 45 years and is to be issued concurrently with any regular life insurance certificate. Twenty Year Endowment, Twenty Payment Life, Endowment at Age 65 or Life Paid-Up at age 85, but is limited to twenty years from date of issue, and not beyond age 65.

The rates are graded according to age and the same rate prevails regardless of the plan of life or endowment insurance.

Upon written request, the agreement may be converted at any time within 10 years from date of issue, into any life or endowment certificate issued by the Alliance. Any cash surrender value available under the agreement at the date of conversion shall be applied toward payment of the first contribution on the new certificate.

This additional protection is of particular interest to a family man, until his children become self-supporting or if he has purchased a new home on which there is a mortgage and needs additional low cost insurance. A member may continue it in force only as long as he feels his family's need for same or his circumstances require.

TO BETTER ILLUSTRATE THE VALUE OF Double Protection Benefits, let us assume that a person age thirty (30) nearest birthday made application for life insurance benefits on the 20 Payment Life Plan for \$1,000; the annual dues are \$34.94. For \$1,000

of additional benefits under the Double Protection plan, the additional payment is \$7.90 annually. If the member made payment of dues for the Double Protection Benefits for sixteen years, in that period he has paid a total of \$128.40 for same. If at that time he feels that he no longer needs the additional benefit because his family has grown up, or the mortgage on his property has been reduced to the extent of feeling satisfied that the interest of his family is safe; he may drop the annual payment of \$7.90 for the Double Protection and request the Paid-Up Insurance Value. After sixteen years it would be \$285.00 and during that time the member paid only \$128.40. In the event of death during the period of sixteen years, the beneficiary would have received the face value of \$1,000 on the 20 Payment Life Plan plus an additional \$1,000 for the Double Protection Benefit.

If the member decided to drop the Double Protection as per this illustration, he still would have the protection of the face value of \$1,000 for the 20 Payment Life Plan plus the \$285.00, Paid-Up Insurance Value. The same conditions prevail for other classes of insurance, excepting in the endowment classes. When endowment insurance reaches maturity date, the full endowment value of the certificate is paid to the member; and the Paid-Up Insurance Value is payable to the beneficiary at the member's death.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Waiver of dues and accidental death benefits are available for applicants employed at non hazardous occupations at a small additional rate. On acceptance a Rider covering such benefits shall be attached to the life insurance certificate.

Non hazardous occupations include, office workers, the various professions, such as teachers, lawyers, physicians, skilled and unskilled workmen not engaged in occupations considered hazardous. Coal miners, structural steel workers, handlers or users of explosives, electricians handling live wire, automobile racers, aeronautics, are a few of the occupations in the hazardous category and, therefore, not eligible for these benefits.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND WAIVER OF DUES DESCRIBED

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. If death occurs from accidental causes as defined in the Rider and the accidental death benefit is in force, an additional payment of the face amount of the certificate will be made to the beneficiary. Therefore when death is caused by accident, the beneficiary will receive twice the face value of the life insurance certificate. The accidental benefit provision will cease upon the anniversary nearest the sixtieth birthday of the insured.

WAIVER OF DUES. In the event of Total Disability of a member having such additional benefits, and while the life insurance certificate is in force, the regular monthly dues are waived, when such disability has been present and existed for not less than six consecutive months and the member has been accepted as totally disabled by the Supreme Medical Examiner for the Alliance, excepting for total disability caused by war, aeronautics, self-inflicted wounds etc.; as defined in the Rider. The rates waived under this provision will not reduce the amount payable under the life insurance certificate as a death claim or at maturity. The benefit provision will cease upon the anniversary nearest the sixtieth birthday of the insured.

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT BENEFIT SECTION

ELIGIBILITY. The Accident and Health (Disability) Section is open to applicants both male and female from age 16 to 55 years nearest birthday, provided they have applied for, or already members of the Life Insurance Benefit Section.

Payment of benefits are limited for sickness or accidental bodily injury occurring prior to age 65 years nearest birthday (in the state of Illinois the age limit is 60 years nearest birthday) for those members who have joined this section after January 1, 1947.

MAXIMUM BENEFITS PAYABLE

The member shall be entitled to benefits for maximum of 300 days; for the first 150 days benefits being at the full rate and subsequent 150 days

ŠV. KAZIMIERAS MASKOLIŲ NEKENČIAMAS



Sv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčioj Antakalny skulptūra parodo stebuklingą išvaizdą šv. Kazimiero vesti kovą prieš maskolius.

POV. DIRKIS

Kodėl Lietuvos priešai, ypač rusai, labiausiai iš visų mūsų garbinamų šventųjų nekenčia šv. Kazimiero? Už tai, kad šv. Kazimieras, keliais atvejais stebuklingai padėjo Lietuvos kariuomenei atblokti išiveržiančius į Lietuvą maskolius ir kad užkirto anuose laikuose kelia plėstis pravoslavijai ir rusinimui lietuvių tautoje. Visais tais sumetimais šv. Kazimieras yra tapęs kovos simboliu. Ir šiandieną mūsų dienose jis lieka tuo ženklu, kuris nuolat primena amžinąją Lietuvos priešą. Sv. Kazimiero pastangos ir įtaka, jam dar esant gyvam, toje kovoje turėjo ne tik religinės, bet ir tautinės reikšmės. Jam

dar jaunam būnant, pradėta kova su maskoliais tesėsi iki šiolei. Lietuvos priešas, ypač raudonasis rusas, jaučia, kad šv. Kazimieras lietuvių tautai yra tartum kovos vedimo ir jos laimėjimo ženklas. Ne be reikalo net jo kūno palaikai yra persekiojami ir metami iš vietos į vietą.

Sv. Kazimieras mirė 1484 m. kovo 4d. buvo palaidotas Gedimino sostinėje, Vilniaus katedros koplyčioje. Maskoliai - raudonieji rusai - okupavę Lietuvą neleido šv. Kazimiero kaulams ramiai ilsėtis įsakydami juos perkelti į Antakalnio šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčią. Jo vardo bažnyčios uždarinėjamos ir paverčiamos viešais namais, ir pagaliau net draudžiama jo šventes švęsti.

Štai netolimoje praeityje Lietuvoje - Kamajuose bei Vežaičių bažnyčiose, buvo išimti šv. Kazimiero paveikslai ir sunaikinti.

Minint šiandieną šv. Kazimiero asmenį tenka pabrėžti, kad jo pagrindinė tarnyba - šviesti Lietuvai ir jos vaikams taurumu. Jo kūno palaikai daugiau negu 500 m. mums byloja, kovojančioms už savo tėvynę, už kraštą - išverti savo kovose. Sv. Kazimiero dvasioje kiekviena lietuvių kova turi būti teisinga.

Dabarties lietuviui šv. Kazimieras yra naujosios kovos įkvėpėjas, kuri reikalauja išugdyti savyje taurųjį kazimierinį ryžtą. Tegul tad Kazimierinė dvasia gaivina bei stiprina kovose už tauriausius idealus.

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at 50% of the full rate.

The maximum number of days of benefits in any one year shall be 75 days, such year to commence on the first day for which benefits are received.

Benefits shall not be paid for the first six days after the disability commenced; nor shall benefits be paid for Sundays.

JUVENILE SECTION

Juveniles are accepted as members from date of birth to 16 years nearest birthday upon application made by a parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for support and maintenance. Medical examination is not required if the life insurance benefit is \$2,000 or less.

Full benefit is payable in the event of death after a member reaches the age of seven (7) months.

For the purpose of uniformity the

same classes of Life Insurance Benefits issued to Adult members have been adopted and are in effect for the Juvenile Section.

Members in the Juvenile Section upon reaching the age of 16 years are transferred to the Adult Section. There are no transfer charges nor increase of rates. Also on transfer at age 16 from the Juvenile Section such members have all the rights and privileges of adult members.

Payor Benefits are obtainable for an additional monthly rate at the time of making application for Life or Endowment insurance benefits for a juvenile provided the applicant or payor is employed non hazardous work, and further provided, the age of the payor is not less than 20 nor over 40 years of age.

Payor Benefit provides that in the event of death of the payor, before the insured member has attained the age of 21 years, the regular monthly dues are waived. The dues wai-

ved under this provision shall not reduce the amount of the life insurance benefit at maturity or as a death claim. Payment of dues is resumed when the insured member reaches the age of 21 years provided the life insurance certificate has not matured or has been fully paid up.

A supplemental Payor Benefit Rider shall be attached to and made part of the Juvenile Certificate. Payor Benefit is available to the original applicant and is not transferable to another payor or beneficiary, and is not available to widow-wed women.

SUGGESTIONS

Life insurance is actually an estate builder by providing a fund to be payable in the event of death. Life insurance benefits when acquired by a person immediately establishes financial protection for those nearest and dearest to him. No person can have too much life insurance, particularly the head of a family.

MEET THE 1964-1965

In order to acquaint the entire membership with our National Officers, we will introduce the members of the Supreme Council Board in the next few issues of the VYTIS.

PRESIDENT



HELEN T. SHIELDS

Our National President is currently serving her second term and was the first woman president of the Supreme Council Board. Since joining the K of L in 1946, Helen has progressed through the ranks, serving on numerous committees and holding many offices, on the national, the district and the council level. As a member of C-3, she was extremely active and was the council president for several terms. She initiated a Junior council in St. Casimir's Parish (Philadelphia) and before assuming the national presidency, her main thoughts had been of the Juniors, their activities and promotions. At the 1961 national convention, she was elected to an unprecedented fourth term as the Supreme Council 1st vice president in charge of Juniors. At the 1963 national convention the Knights of Lithuania honored her by elevating her to Honorary Membership. Helen currently resides in Philadelphia with her sister, Tillie. A brother, Frank lives in Texas. She has been a leader since completing her education at the John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia and is presently, the chief bookkeeper at the Keystone Adjustable Cap Company. It has been said that Helen is "one of the main arteries of our organization." She merits this title by her unselfish devotion of her time and talents to promote catholic action and Lithuanian culture.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



MARY H. STONIS

As a member of C-26 (Newark), Mary has accomplished much and has been extremely active since joining the K of L in 1962. In addition to her duties as the 1st vice president in charge of juniors, she is serving her second term as her Council's vice president. For the past two years, Mary has been the chairman of their annual Dinner Dance and Christmas Party. She has attended many New York - New Jersey District conventions and since joining has attended the Newark, Boston and Chicago national conventions. The Junior program is Mary's primary interest and she expends much time and energy in developing plans for a strong junior movement. She currently resides in East Orange, New Jersey with her mother. A married sister also resides in East Orange and a married brother, in Palos Park, Illinois. After completing her high school education, Mary became a buyer of gloves, lingerie and handbags for several East coast department stores. As a designer - buyer of gloves for a New York concern, she spent several years (from 1955 - 1960) in the fascinating Far East city of Hong Kong, China. She stills maintains an active interest in the designing of womens' and childrens' gloves.

Supreme Council Board

It's been said that the IllinoisIndiana District hasn't been the same after Eleanore became one of the leaders. After serving three terms as president, she still continues to actively participate in District activities, the management of the K of L Building along with her activities on the council level. She joined C-13 (Town of Lake) in 1940 and after the Council disbanded, became a member of C-112 (Marquette Park). In 1964, along with others, she was most instrumental in reorganizing C-13 and is currently the council president. A graduate of DePaul University with a marketing major, Eleanore is a broker - underwriter and is presently the head of the insurance department of St. Anthony Savings & Loan Assn. Although she belongs to numerous organizations, the K of L is her "love". She has held offices in C-13, C-112 and the I-I District; was instrumental in reorganizing C-13 and C-14, the I-I Bulletin and the K of L Choir; and was one of the originators of the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquets commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day. On the national level, Eleanore has been a S.C. Trustee and the Business Editor of the VYTIS. She resides with her father in Chicago (Marquette Park). As a Fourth Degree member who will celebrate her 25th Anniversary in the K of L this coming June, Eleanore is known for her wild hats and her "ready-willing-and-able" spirit for any K of L cause.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



ELEANORE H. LAURIN

Longinas, or Larry as he is better - known, earns his living as a Planner-Estimator (trouble-shooter in material problems encountered in ship repair) for the Boston Naval Shipyard. To qualify for this position, he spent four years in apprenticeship as a pipefitter at the U.S. Naval Shipyard plus attending Lowell Institute and Boston University. He currently resides in Needham, a suburb of Boston, where his mother maintains his home. His five brothers and a sister live nearby. Larry is a member of C-17 and first joined in 1936, and received his Fourth Degree in 1946. He was the president of C-17 for several years, the New England District president for a year, and served on the Supreme Ritual Committee for nine years before being elected the S. C. Seniors vice president in 1963. He has taken an active part in every convention held in Boston since joining. In addition to his activities in the K of L, Larry is presently the treasurer of the Baltic American Society of New England and the vice president of the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Association. Traveling, gardening, attending concerts and participating in activities involving Lithuanians are Larry's primary interests. As the national Seniors Vice President, he is currently striving to organize a strong Senior Council in the New England area.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

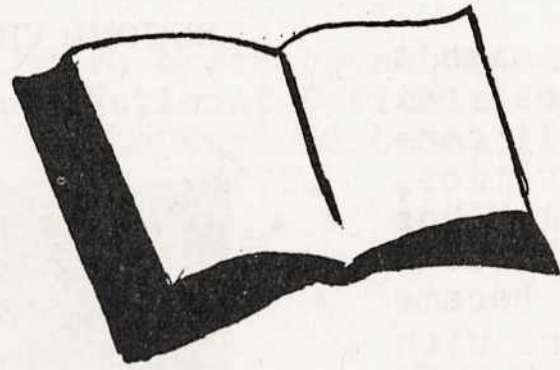


LONGINAS L. SVELNIS

Coming: In the next issues, you will meet the secretaries, the treasurer, the trustees, the legal advisor and the four District presidents. Rev. A. Valancius our National Spiritual Advisor was introduced in "Profile" in the January issue.

CULTURAL

Q R N E R



The Lithuanian Charge d' Affairs, Juozas Kajeckas from Washington, D.C., recently spoke to a group of Lithuanian youths at a convention. He appealed to "drowsing" Lithuanians to awake and admit that they are Lithuanian.

He said, "If J. F. Kennedy, while he was President of the United States wasn't afraid to confess publicly that he was Irish, and that he took pride in visiting the land of his forefathers, then we are no less patriotic Americans if we feel proud to call ourselves Lithuanians, and that we sincerely and avidly support the cause of her freedom; foster a love of her language; preserve her culture and traditions and support her organizations.

It would be tragic indeed, if we should run short of supporters for the many Lithuanian causes and projects. There would be a complete breakdown of the struggle to keep Lithuanianism alive: nobody would read the Lithuanian press, Lithuanian books would not find buyers, organizations would be without members who would fight for her life, freedom and culture. It is up to every one of us to influence our neighbors and friends to give of their time, money and energy to help keep our Lithuanian heritage alive."

In Philadelphia, The Sons of Italy have a most ambitious campaign - a program to place a copy of J. Edgar Hoover's book, "A Study in Communism" in every parochial high school in the state. Last year they succeeded in placing a copy of the FBI chief's first book, "Masters of Deceit" in all the parochial high school libraries of Philadelphia. Hoover congratulated the Philadelphia

Council on its fight against Communism.

Think of the tremendous possibilities in a venture such as this for the Knights of Lithuania!

Does every Lithuanian grammar school in the United States and Canada have a copy of "Leave Your Tears in Moscow" on their library shelves? Does every City library in which there is a K of L council have the book? How about the other books on Lithuania? There are many of them! Would it be too much to ask if every council established a library of Lithuanian books in English for the use of their members and their parish?

We often talk about organizing Lithuanian classes for our members to learn the language. But how much do you remember about your High School French or Spanish? A language must be used daily if one wants to be fluent in it. We should subscribe and read Lithuanian newspapers. We should listen to the Lithuanian radio programs in our vicinities. We should pray in Lithuanian.

The Vatican Council has approved the text of the Lithuanian Missal "Buk Mums Malonus" for use in the Liturgy. A few parishes in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts have taken advantage of this privilege and have at least one Lithuanian Mass each Sunday. What better way to learn a language!

Is the K of L, as an organization, really anxious to preserve the Lithuanian language? Msgr. Balkunas of Maspeth, L. I., says that all organizations can have their group Masses said in Lithuanian in his church. In what language will our St. Casimir's Day Mass and our Convention Mass in Los Angeles be celebrated - English or Lithuanian?

Archbishop John P. Davis of Santa Fe, New Mexico announced that Spanish in the Mass will begin in his archdiocese on March 7th. He believes that in any parish in the United States where sermons and announcements are not delivered in English, the vernacular of that parish should be used. What a golden opportunity to help preserve our motto, "Dievui ir Tevynai"!

The missal mentioned about is available at "Darbininkas" or "Draugas" for \$2.00. A hymn book of the new Liturgical hymns in Lithuanian (with words and music) is available at the Jesuit Fathers, 2345 W. 56th St., Chicago, Illinois for 25 cents.

Joseph Yanulaitis
Cultural Chairman

GIVE A LITTLE (cont. from page 4)

to make sure you remember his product in the maze of hundreds of other manufacturers of a similar product. So the Churches purpose is, since it is the custodian of your soul, to constantly remind you, like it or not, that you are not here forever and that when your remains will be laid away by your dear ones that this is not the end. The maze in which you walk and in which the Church has to operate is far more confusing and confused, its commercials must of necessity be more frequent and more direct, unpleasant and tiresome though they be.

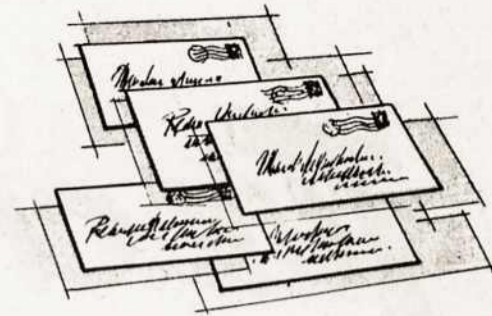
Make the best of it! Lent is only 40 days! Heaven is forever! The regulations of fast and abstinence have been made more lenient, more applicable to our times,

to the demands of our times and circumstances. Do something for Christ. A cup of water offered in His name is a cup of water in the sea on which our ship will find its way into the land of paradise.

Someone once said you can't carry your cross in an automobile. We all have one to carry. Fortunately, those who carry it, do not carry it alone. He bore a cross, not only as a model, - He carries it with us whenever we ask and especially when we have fallen beneath its weight. Many times a day we repeat, most often thoughtlessly, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Remember, it was the feverish lips of Christ on Calvary that uttered, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." You, too, will be able to forgive, if you bear your cross patiently in His company.



PUBLICITY WRITING



Have you been chosen as the publicity chairman of your particular organization? Should you send a personal letter with your press release? Do you know how a press release should be written? If you don't know the answers to these questions then pull up a chair and listen.

Norman Vincent Peale recalls the time he applied for his first job at the Detroit Journal. When the editor asked him about his experience, Peale replied, "Considerable... four years on my college paper". To which the editor gruffly replied, "Then you know nothing about the newspaper business".

The editor then explained how he wanted his news articles written. To get the reader's attention by putting the "meat" of the story in the first paragraph. To use simple, understandable language, making your sentences "march along in orderly fashion like soldiers on parade". Remembering that your article will be read by the ordinary fellow as well as the educated.

Your first paragraph should answer the question, WHO? WHERE? WHAT? WHEN? and WHY? The following paragraphs should further explain the above. State full names, addresses and titles. While the title "MR." is seldom used, most papers require that women be designated as "MRS." or "MISS". Study the style of the paper you are aiming for.

The top of your page should have the organizations name, your name and address on the left side. On the right side you can type the RELEASE date, or "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE". Be sure that you send the article in well ahead of the publication date. Last minute arrivals usually wind up in the waste basket.

If your article consists of more than one page, commence typing the first page one-third way down the page, leaving at least a one inch margin on all sides. Write "MORE" at the bottom. Your second page, on top, will have the page number and abbreviated form of your lodge's name. You can indicate the end of your article with the double crosses "###" or the telegra-

pher's "-30-" signoff.

Do not break words at the end of the line, nor split a paragraph between two pages. Always double-space your lines. Indent your paragraph at least five spaces.

Local editors do not correspond with news article writers, but may call you up for additional information or verification. That is, if you didn't forget to include your telephone number on your first page.

The only personal letter you should write to an editor is a "thank you". A holiday greeting ad from you is another way to say it.

If you don't own a typewriter, write longhand, lettering all names clearly. Always check the names for accurate spelling. Otherwise you may face the firing squad.

If you submit photographs, have sharp, glossy prints made. Have the subjects doing something if possible. Large group, straight-posed shots are seldom interesting.

The big daily and weekly newspapers do not charge for making the zinc halftone printing plates from your photograph. However, the papers with smaller circulations might charge you for the zinc. The offset method publications, which do not require individual type-high zincs, almost never charge for printing photos.

Sometimes you will have to "slant" your article to get it published. Don't expect a non-Catholic, secular publication to accept an article about a devoutly Catholic event. Learn about what faction is behind each publication.

Radio stations are licensed for public service and keep them in mind when you are working on publicity. A briefer announcement will be in order for this medium.

Anthony D. Yuknis
Publicity Committee
Supreme Council

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POV. DIRKIS

Tai giesmė, kurią mes, Vyčiai, girdime kas sekmadienį ne tik Chicagoje, bet ir kituose miestuose, katalikų bažnyčiose, prieš mišias. Ta giesmė labai giliai yra įleidus šaknis lietuvių tautoje. Ji yra lietuvių tautai pasididžiavimas, nes kitos tautos tokio turinio giesmės neturi. Lenkai, vokiečiai, ispanai ir kt. yra išvertę į save kalbas. Šios ypatingos giesmės autorius ir harmonizatorius yra baudžiauninko sūnus, prieš du

šimtu metų gyvenęs, Kun. Antanas Strazdelis. Jo ta giesmė, dar jam gyvam esant, tuojaus tapo pripažinta katalikų bažnyčios šventa ir buvo leista katalikų bažnyčiose giedoti. Su šia religine giesme "Pulkim ant kelių visi krikščionys..." kun. Ant. Strazdelis savo vardą įrašė Rymų katalikų bažnyčios istorijon ir pasistatė sau amžiną paminklą.

Autoriui Dievo garbė, o Lietuvai pasididžiavimas.

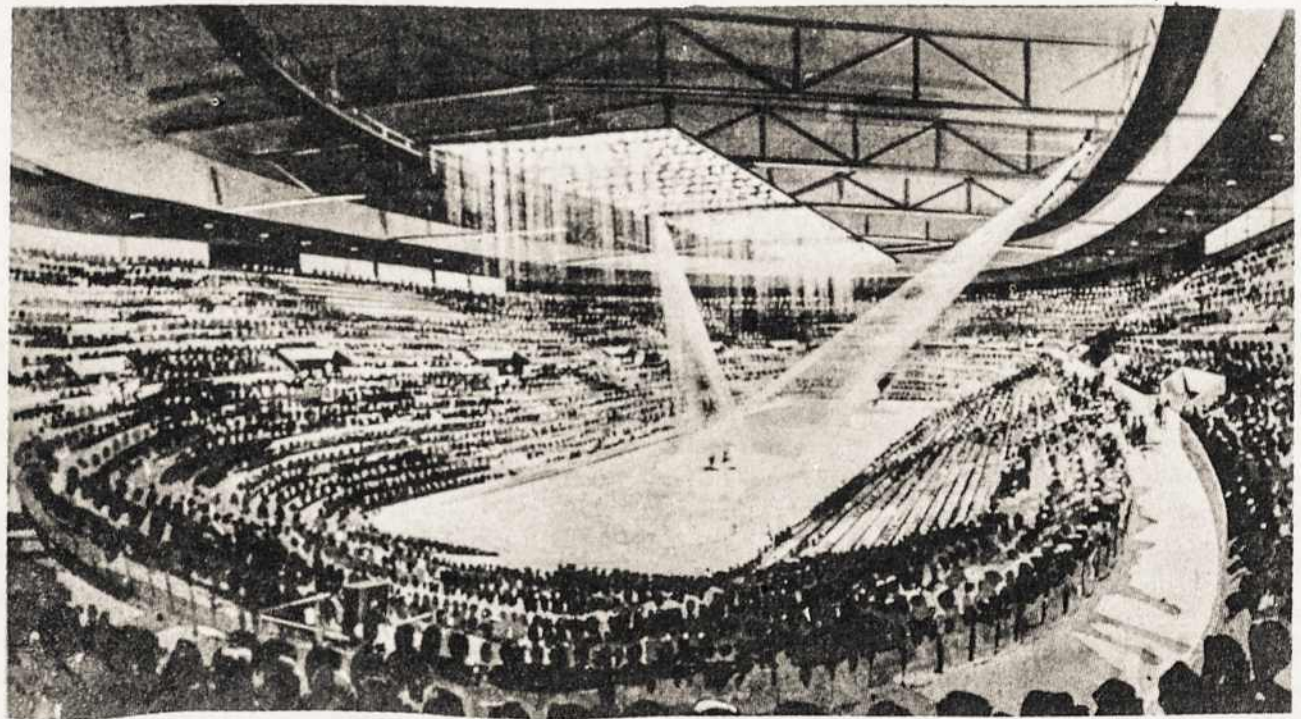
THE CITY OF "THE ANGELS"

The city of The Angels, or Los Angeles, comes by its Spanish name honestly. It was once a city inhabited by lovely señoritas, gay caballeros, and Spanish dons who welcomed visitors to their haciendas with a cheerful and sincere Bienvenido (welcome). It was a city built in the Spanish tradition of gracious, and spacious living.



One can see remnants of the Spanish influence in some of the buildings and in the colorful Spanish names of buildings and street -Casa Adobe on Figueroa Street, Olvera Street "El Paseo de Los Angeles," and many others. Her Spanish past has influenced the beautiful city of Los Angeles in her manner of living and her spirit of welcoming visitors.

The past can be found to be a fascinating subject especially when viewed as an influence on the present and future. Only a short distance from Los Angeles one can relive the days of the 49'ers in an authentic, rejuvenated, "ghost town" at Knott's Berry Farm. There the visitor can see a town that existed only because of the gold rush and



Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena

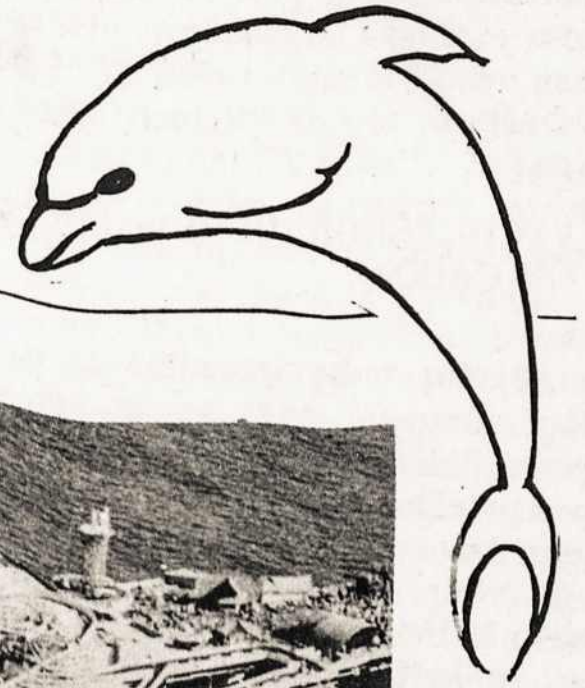


LaBrea Tarpits

that today lives again as a memorial because of the "tourist rush". If the 1800's seem too recent to qualify as a "past" age, a visit to the La Brea Tarpits, right in Los Angeles on Wilshire Boulevard, will give the visitor a glimpse into the Pleistocene, or glacial, epoch. Here is a chance to read the unwritten past of our country.

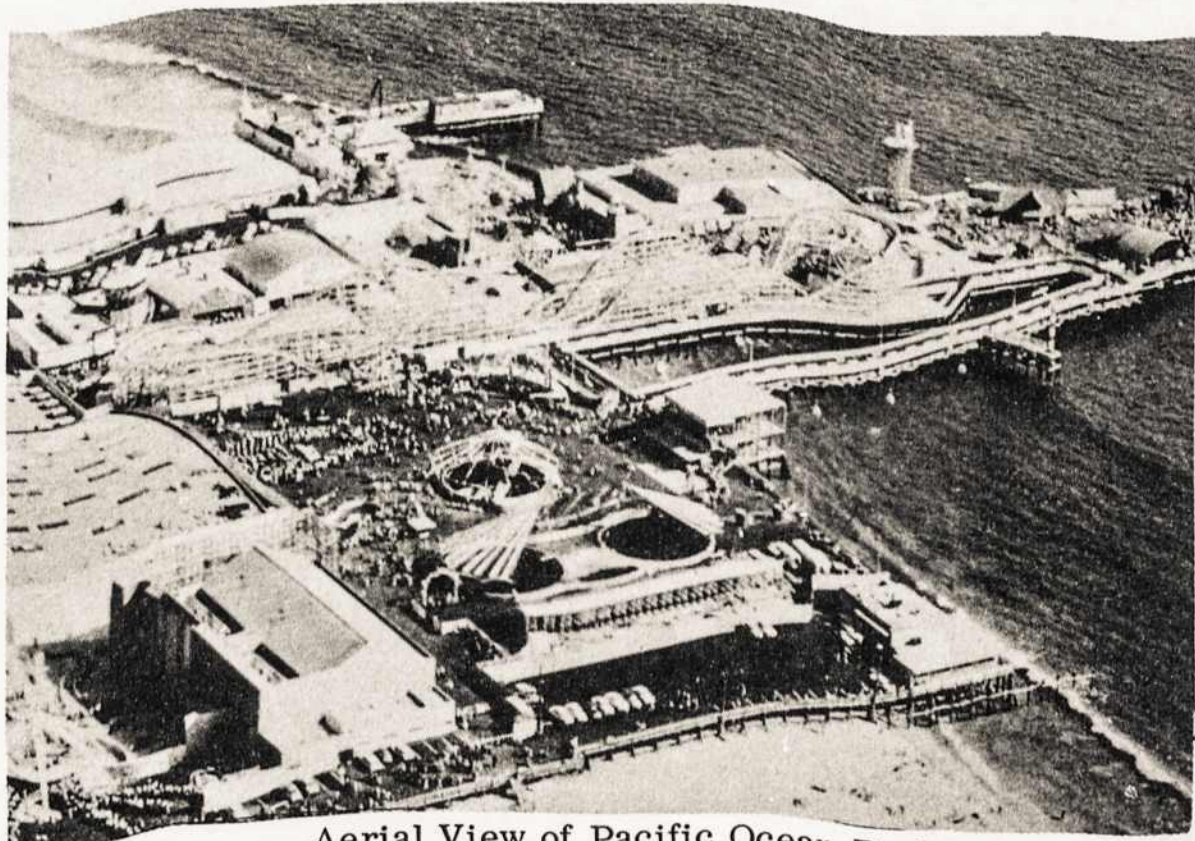
The romanticized and idealized past can be enjoyed at Disneyland, a magic word these days for child and adult alike. Not only the past but the present AND the future are presented with clarity & imagination. During the months of June, July, and August Disneyland is open every day,

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thereby catering to the large vacation trade of the summer months. Its fascination lies in its variety, for there are many lands within Disney land - Frontier land, Adventure land, Fantasy land, Tomorrow land and many others; including "Main Street, U.S.A.", a street from a turn-of-the-century" town.

Variety is the keynote of entertainment in and around Los Angeles. Marineland presents the piscatorial pleasures of the deep in a parade of fish, dolphins and whales, each going through his paces both above and below the waterline. Entertaining to see are the trained whales that perform at Marineland, less unusual than whales but as entertaining, are the lovable clowns of the sea, the dolphins at times incorrectly called porpoises.

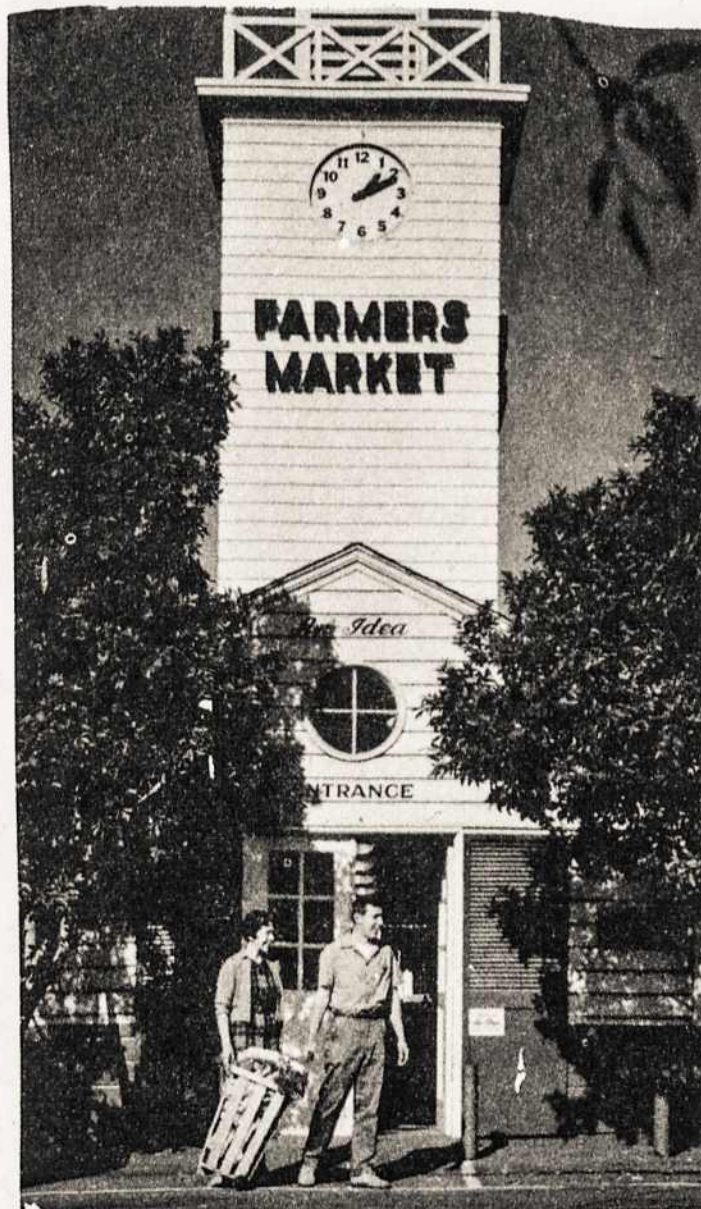


Aerial View of Pacific Ocean Park



A visit to Santa Catalina Island will afford the visitor with a view of thousand of rare and exotic birds. The music lover can enjoy symphonies under the stars in the Hollywood Bowl. As Los Angeles is the motion picture and television capital of the world almost every visitor to this city expresses the desire to visit a sound stage. Such tours are available for interested parties.

One may not be precisely sure what her "christeners" meant by, the city of The Angels, but a visitor to that city could easily apply the term "angelic" to her climate, and find himself as contented as an angel with the convenience and plentitude of interesting sights and entertainment around the city of The Angels, Los Angeles.



The Farmers Market clock tower

The Farmers Market trademark - the main clocktower located in the center of the market; a landmark and meeting place for visitors.

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ POBUVIS CHICAGOJE

Praity metų gruodžio 15 d. Vyčių namuose, 2451-55 W. 47 g-vė, įvyko Chicagos vyčių sendraugių kuopos prieškalėdinis pobūvis, kuris daugiau buvo panašus į Kūčių vakarienę, nes visų susirinkusiųjų ir nuotaika buvo kalėdinė. Prie gražiai papuoštų ir kalėdiniais valgiais apkrautų stalų kuopos pirmininkas Ignas Sakalas pobūvį pradėjo malda. Sukalbėjęs maldą ir padėkojęs už suteiktas gėrybes Dievui, paprašė vaišintis ir draugiškai praleisti valandėlę laiko.

Taip viskas atrodė labai iškilminga, nepaprasta ir reikšminga lyg tai būtų Kalėdinė naktis. Salė išdailinta, dvi puošnios eglutės užžiebtos, viskas taip skoningai paruošta, valgiai nekasdieniški - tikri Kūčių vakarienės patiekalai, kurių skaičius siekė 12, kas dera Kūčių vakarienei. Trūko tik plotkelių.

Siaip ypatingos programos nebuvo. Pov. Dirkis paskaitė porą dalykėlių apie Kūčias ir Kalėdas bei Kristaus atėjimą. Be to, p-lė Aldona Sakalaitė parodė gražių vaizdų, kiekvieną apibūdindama gryna lietuviška kalba, iš š. m. buvusios New Yorko pasaulinės parodos. Teko pamatyti ir lietuvių kryžių - koplytstulpį, tarpe milžiniškų pastatų bestovinti, kuris parodoje besilankantiems primena apie raudonųjų rusų pavergtą Lietuvą. Ne pro šalį bus priminti, kad prie pastatymo to kryžiaus prisidėjo savo lėšomis ir Lietuvos Vyčiai.

Pobūvį suruošė ir valgius pagaminė komisija iš veikliausių ir paslaugiausių Vyčių darbininkių Petrulienės, Norbutienės, Samienės ir Jonutienės.

Sausio mėnesio sendraugių susirinkimas įvyko 19-tą d. Susirinkimui vadovavo Ignas Sakalas ir sekretoriaus Ona Aleliūnienė. Aleksas Budrys pranešė apie nuveiktus darbus, būtent: sutvirtinimą namo langų ir durų bei įvedimą salėje vėsintuvo. Pranešta apie ruošiamą Vasario 16 d. minėjimą, kurį ruošia apskritis. Siems metams buvo parinkta valdyba: Ignas Sakalas - pirmininkas, Ant. Bacevičius

ir Ant. Petrulis - vice-pirmininkai, Nikodemas Karlavičius - kasininkas, finansų raštininkė - Stafa Jonytienė, kuopos sekretorė - Ona Aleliūnienė, išdo globėjai: Jonytis ir Norbutienė ir tvarkdarė Servinskienė. Taip pat buvo išrinkta komisija kuopos finansinės knygos patvirtinti: Pov. Dirkis, Aleksas Budris ir Petronelė Zakaraitė. Kuopa padidėjo trimis nariais. Pabaigoje buvo išklaudyta narį Pov. Dirčio paskaitos: Atsiradimas Naujų Metų.

P. Erdvys.

YOUNGSTOWN K of L SENIORS PROMOTE 47th ANNIVERSARY of LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATION

On Feb. 2, 1965, an important event occurred. For the first time in the history of Youngstown, Ohio, an official proclamation commemorating Lithuania's Declaration of Independence, was signed and sealed by His Honor Mayor Anthony B. Flask. This signing in the Mayor's office was in the presence of a group of officers of the local K of L chapter and Rev. John Maceka, pastor of our Lithuanian St. Francis of Assisi church.

The local K of L Seniors were the originators and sponsors of this memorable event.

Mayor Joseph A. Vrabel of the City of Campbell (a suburb of Youngstown) also signed a similar Proclamation adapted for the citizens of his city on Feb. 1, 1965. This ceremony was witnessed by our council president Vincent Ed. Pavis.

The original documents, bearing the official seals of both cities as well as the signatures of the Mayors will remain in the archives of the local council.

This was the prelude to the Solemn Commemoration that the local K of L Seniors planned and promoted. The council commemorated the event Sunday, Feb. 21st, during the 11:00 A.M. Holy Mass. The Knights and Ladies devotedly implored Our Almighty's aid in the restoration of Lithuania's freedom, received Holy Communion "In corpore", and heard a specially prepared sermon on the occasion by our pastor, Rev. John Maceka. In this religious participation they were joined by the general congregation of Lithuanian-Americans and their friends. After the services, the Knights and Ladies



Seated: Mayor Flask of Youngstown. Left to right: Stephen Janis, Vincent Ed Pavis, Stanley Marks, Mrs. Mary Andrews, Mrs. Stella Pavis, and Rev. John Maceika.

met in the church hall for "brunch", tastefully prepared by our lady members and enjoyed a brief but patriotically stirring commemoration program.

After the commemoration, the K of L Seniors held their fourth regular monthly council meeting.

PAST EVENTS and FUTURE PLANS

Since our last correspondence, the following events occurred: our second meeting followed by our first social event (the New Year's Eve Party), which was a success and greatly enjoyed by all. Joseph and Alice Strainis were our gracious hosts. Two new members were admitted: Edward Lickner and his wife, Ethel. This brings our total membership to 18.

Jan. 10th the officers of the council met in executive session and Sunday, Jan. 17th, the third regular monthly meeting occurred. Both sessions were held at the residence of Vincent Ed. and Stella F. Pavis.

During the regular meeting, a By-Laws committee was elected. Joseph P. Strainis and Stephen P. Janis will represent the officers and Mrs. Ann Yurchison (nee Sabonis) and Mrs. Mary Halyak (nee Pavis), the membership. Vincent Ed. Pavis, council president, enters on the committee as ex-officio member.

It was decided to observe St. Casimir's Day Rites on Sunday, March 7th. Our council has invited both Cleveland K of L Councils to participate by receiving Holy Communion "In Corpore", hearing a special sermon about St. Casimir delivered by our pastor, and after services, to partake in a deliciously prepared "Brunch" prepared by our lady members. After the "brunch" and program, it is planned to induct candidates into the first degree of our order in ritualistic ceremonies.

Stella F. Pavis

ATGAIVINKIME IR SENJORU VYČIU SKYRIU.

Rašo J. Sadauskas

Kaip gaila, kad netekome savo organe - "Vytyje" senjorų Vyčių skyriaus ir kad jame labai sumažėjo lietuvių kalboje rašyti raštai, o mums visiems yra žinoma, kad L. Vyčių or-

ganizacijoje dar daug randasi senyvesnio amžiaus narių, kurie labai norėtų pasiskaityti savoje prigimtoje kalboje vytiškos dvasios raštelių. Jeigu mes neatgaivisime senjorų vyčių skyriaus ir kurie galime neparašysime lietuvių kalboje raštelių, tai taip jauskimės, kad laikui begant, galime netekti vyresnio amžiaus daug narių, nes jų didžiumą mažai tėsdomauja ir teskaito anglų kalba parašytus straipsnius ir kuopų veiklos aprašymus. Kadangi dar yra tokių narių mūsų organizacijoje, kurie ir nūnais mažai tegali skaityti anglų kalboje, bet nekurie iš mūsų mažai tekreipiame dėmesio į tai - bile man gerai, o kiti tegul patys rūpinasi.

Mums jau gerai yra žinoma, kad savoje organizacijoje turime penkis senjorų vyčių skyrius, kuriuose daugiausiai ir priklauso senyvesnio amžiaus nariai bei jaunesniųjų vyčių tėvai, motinos ir net tėvukai ir jie lygiai nario mokestį moka, kaip ir jaunesnio amžiaus nariai. Tuominegalime kaltyti redakcijos, nes ji nuolatos prašo abiem kalbom parašytų raštų, o jei ji gauna, bet lietuvių kalba parašytus raštus netalpina, bet naikina, tai daro didelę skriaudą senyvesnio amžiaus nariams ir visai L. Vyčių org. Mūsų mielai redakcijai ir vyčių vadovybei, reikėtų gauti antras Ignas Sakalas ir antras A. P. Bagdonas, kuris žengtų "Vytyje" jų numintais takais - vestų ir tvarkytų senjorų vyčių skyrių ir lietuvių kalboje parašytus rašinius.

O kaip liūdna ir skauda vytišką širdį, kada mūsų didieji plunksnos mylėtojai, o ypatingai garbės nariai ir mūsų mieli buvusieji dvasios vadai - gražiųjų straipsnių rašėjai, daugiau neįsidomauja L. Vyčių org. ir josios organu "Vytimi". Dar ir nūnais man prisimena jų gražieji ir puoselėjanči raštai, eilės ir pareikšti vytiški idealai savame organe. Žinau, kad Leonardas Šimutis, Matas Zujus, buvusieji "Vyties" redaktoriai, vis dar aria lietuvišką dirvą savomis gabiomis plunksnomis, bet nūnais ir jiedu leidžia lietuviškam žodžiui tiek susilpnėti arba ir visai numirti "Vytyje". O kur mūsų dainius Jonaitis, kuris save gražiausiomis eilutėmis papuošdavo "Vyties" lapus? Drįstu prisipažinti, kad dainius Jonaitis, kada jį susitijau Chicagoje paskutiniame L. Vyčių org. seime, kada man sukitaite teko užkalbinti poetą Jonaitį ir paklausėme jojo: kodėl jis daugiau ne-

parašo savo gražiųjų eilučių į "Vyties" lapus ir kitų mūsų lietuviškų laikraščių nepapuošia savomis eilutėmis? Iš poeto Jonaičio buvo gautas žodis, kad jis ir vėl pradės rašinėti eilučių dėl "Vyties". Bet darligi šiolei neteko paskaityti jojo tų gražiųjų eilučių, kurias kitados beskaitydamas jose tiesiog gyvenai. O kur mūsų tėvelis Sušinskas, tėvelis Raila, inž. A. Mažeika, Juozas Balevičius (Boley) L. Vyčių org. himno tėvas komp. A. Aleksis ir daugybė kitų vyčių idealistų? Nejaugi netekote Vyčių to jausmo ir obalsio, kuriouse kitados taip giliai gyvenote? Tikiu, prašau ir laukiu, kad kiekvienas čionais išvardytas plunksnos mylėtojas, parašys nors po vieną savo rašinėli šiais metais į "Vyti", o mes maloniai juos perskaitysime ir jais pasigrožėsime.

Kaip anksčiau čia turiu prisiminti, kad mūsų organizacijoje jau randasi net penki senjorų vyčių skyriai, bet juoba, mes galėtume ir daugiau jų turėti, jeigu ir kitose kolonijose atsirastų daugiau Pavių, Markauskų ir Strainių, kurių pasidarbavimu ir pasišventimu ir kur nėra tikros lietuviškos parap. - Youngstown, Ohio, kur jau seniai vyčių dvasia buvo palaidota, bet sugrižus iš Chicagos didžiajam vyčių idealistui - Vincui Paviui su savo žmona namo - į Youngstowną, kuris šioje lietuvių kolonijoje buvo gimęs ir užaugęs ir jaunas tebūdamas sunkiai darbavosi L. Vyčių III-je kp. Vinco Pavio Vytiška širdis jam nedavė ramybės, kolei jis ir vėl tapo Youngstowno vyčių senjorų vadu - pirmininku. L. Vyčių org. gali tik pasidžiaugti, turėdama tokius puoselėjančius narius, kaip Vincas ir Stasė Paviai ir jų pagelbininkai Markauskai ir kiti jų gerieji draugai ir vyčių mylėtojai.

Deja, galime tik pasigerėti, kad ir Chicagoje buvusios vienas iš didžiausių L. Vyčių org. kuopų - 13-toji ir 14-toji kp. tapo ir vėl vytiškoje dvasioje gyvos. Beja ir Linden, New Jersey 113-ta kp. tapo atgaivinta. Tik liūdna, kad niekas plačiau neparašo apie šių kuopų atgaivintojus, kurie aukojasi ir sielojasi dirbdami šiame atgaivinimo šių kp. darbe. Apie tokius narius, kurie tiek pasiaukoja savo org. reikėtų "Vytyje" plačiau prisiminti apie juos, jų paveikslus patalpyti, kad ir kiti pamatytų tuos mūsų organizacijos didintojus. Be abejonės, kad toki gražūs prisiminimai

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1965

Dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires:

On the occasion of the forty-seventh anniversary of Lithuania's National Day, I am pleased to express to you the sincere good wishes of the Government and people of the United States.

Nearly twenty - five years have elapsed since the sovereign Lithuanian Nation lost its national independence in the wake of the illegal annexation by the Soviet Union. But the indomitable spirit of the Lithuanian people and their yearning to live in freedom and independence have not been dimmed throughout these years.

In recognition of the right of a free people to national self-determination the United States Government has firmly and consistently stood by its declared policy of non-recognition of the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union. The United States thereby not only accords recognition to the Lithuanian people's devotion to the cause of freedom and national independence, but expresses its confidence that this cause will ultimately prevail.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George W. Ball
Acting SecretaryMr. Joseph Kajeckas,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim
of Lithuania**IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO**

ir pareiškimai ir kitiems uždegs vytiškus jausmus ir širdis, orypatingai Bostone vyčių veikėjams pagyvintų jausmus greičiau ten suorganizuoti vyčių senjorų šeštąjį skyrių, kad nepailgam ir senjorai turėtų didesnę balsą savos org. seimuose.

Dar žodis kitas apie sausio m. "Vyties" numerį, kuris išėjo punktualiai, vytiškos dvasios raštelių yra tilpę, ypatingai mūsų vyriausios vadovės - p-lės E. Saulytės, Marijonos Stonytės ir gražusis aprašymas vyčių Loretos Macekonytės apie dabartinio mūsų organizacijos dvasios vado

kun. A. Valančiaus nuo jaunučių dienelių ir net ligi šių dienų, jojo ideališka gyvenimą. Iš Loretos puoselėjančio aprašymo apie tėvelio A. Valančiaus didingų darbų savo tautai, Lietuvybei ir L. Vyčių org. ir kiti galės pasisemti tos didžiosios ir gražiosios idėjos. Taigi šiuomi ir pats sveikinu tėvelį A. Valančių su tiek nuveiktų didelių darbų ir kiek tėveliui dar jų reikės pradėti ir juos užbaigti.

Juoba, sausio m. "Vyties" numerį dar tilpo gražūs ir puoselėjanti paraginimai Elenoros Laurinaitės, kad visa mūsų org. sukrustų ir sunkiau pradėtų dirbti naujų narių prirašėjimo metu, kur šiais metais,

daugiausiai prirašusieji naujų narių, atgaivinę buvusias L. Vyčių org. kp. ar suorganizavę naujas kp. ar senjorų vyčių skyrius, galės gauti didingas dovanas ir vytiškus pagyrimus. Bro liai ir sesės vyčiai ir vytės, padarykime tokį nuosprandį, kad šiais metais - 1965m. mes daugiau prirašysime naujų narių; daugiau atgaivysime vyčių kp.; daugiau suorganizuosime senjorų vyčių skyrių ir daugiau parašysime vytiškos dvasios abiem kalbom raštelių ir kuo daugiausiai prisijusime iš save veiklos įvairių vaizdėlių - nuotraukų, jei mes tą padarysime, tai mūsų organas "Vytis" tikrai bus daugiau patrauklesnis, gražesnis ir laukiamesnis.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RULES

For each new or re-activated member that enrolled by JAN. 31, 1965 - 10 points were earned. Earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1965. Earn FIVE points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during MAY & JUNE, 1965.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S.C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 9-1-64. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals.

There will be FOUR AWARDS:

- 1) to the INDIVIDUAL with the most points;
- 2) to a COUNCIL with less than 40 paid-up member;
- 3) to a COUNCIL with 40 or more paid-up members;
- 4) to the DISTRICT with the greatest number of additional members.

As an individual, you are also eligible to earn an ADDITIONAL 100 points for:

- 1) Organizing a new council: Junior, Regular, or Senior;
- 2) Re-organizing a dormant Council: Junior, Regular or Senior.

(If more than one person is responsible for the organization or re-activation of a Council, 75 points will be given to each such person - but not more than 3 persons).

Remember - each new council also boosts the chances for your DISTRICT to win the award.

OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The K of L Mid-Central District Convention held November 7, 1964 at Detroit, Michigan approved submitting to the national convention at Los Angeles, California the following additions to the K of L Constitution:

Article V	Section 3(e)	Auxiliary
Article V	Section 7	Non-Lithuanian husbands and wives of Knights of Lithuania members may be enrolled as Knights of Lithuania auxiliary members.

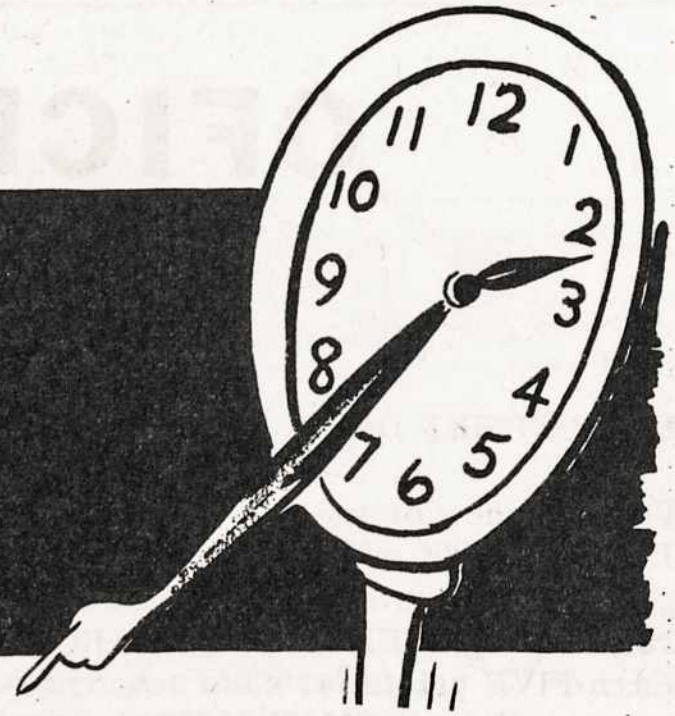
This constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of a new class of membership cannot be submitted to the national convention unless 2/3 of the K of L councils give their written approval in advance.

Individual letters have been sent to all councils on this subject. Those councils that have NOT already done so are asked to forward their decisions to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404, who has been delegated by the Mid-Central District to handle this matter.

K of L Calendar

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| MARCH 21 | N.Y.-N.J. District "Open Bowling" Social. 3 P.M. Kearny Lanes, 156 Schuyler Ave., Kearny, N.J. Supper following at Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, 6-10 Davis Avenue, Kearny, N.J. |
| MAY 15-16 | Detroit, Mich. C-102 and 139 Annual Midwest Bowling Tournament. |
| MAY 30 | N.Y.-N.J. District K of L Reunion Picnic, St. Michael's Parish Picnic Grounds, 15 East 23rd Street, Bayonne, N.J. |
| JUNE 6 | N.Y.-N.J. District Junior Rally, Kearny, N.J. |
| JUNE 13 | N.Y.-N.J. District Meeting hosted by Council #67 at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 15 East 23rd Street, Bayonne, N.J. |

Now's the time!



TO TAKE A GOOD, HARD LOOK AT OUR MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS!

The Membership Drive rules, as we have so often read, state, "Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase... based on the totals of 9-1-64..."

As of 1-31-65, the Drive standing is as follows:

Councils with 40 or under membership - C-13, Chicago, Ill.
C-25 Seniors, Cleveland,
Ohio

C-135, Ansonia, Conn.
C-61, Patterson, N.J.

Councils with over 40 membership - C-112, Chicago, Ill.
C-96, Dayton, Ohio
C-29, Newark N.J.
C-102, Detroit, Mich.

District Standings - Illinois-Indiana
Mid-Central
New York-New Jersey
New England

The above named councils have expended the most effort in enrolling the greatest number of new members and have increased their overall membership.

"NOW IS THE TIME" for all other councils to "get in the run". Seven (7) points can be earned for each new or reactivated member, between now and April 30th.

However, we must realize that you can win the council and district membership awards, only on the percentage of INCREASE. Somewhere along the line, council financial secretaries have not been approaching members of one-three-five-ten year standing to renew their membership.

It is the obligation of each MEMBER, each MEMBERSHIP V.P., each FINANCIAL SECRETARY, EACH OFFICER, to not only enroll NEW members, but also, to KEEP the PRESENT, the established, members of the K of L.

"NOW IS THE TIME" - to help your COUNCIL, your DISTRICT - WIN THE NATIONAL AWARD!

Eleanore H. Laurin, Membership Vice President

JUNIOR NEWS

DUTIES OF A JUNIOR COUNSELLOR

A Junior Counsellor supervises all meetings and social events that the Juniors may sponsor. He/she is to collaborate with the Spiritual Advisor in guiding the Juniors, cooperate with the District and Supreme Council by aiding to promote the Junior K of L Program to the best of their ability in their respective area.

Junior Counsellors should get to know their Juniors as well as they are able, in order to draw out those who have special talents - whether it be music, dancing, art or possessing qualities that would make them good officers, committee members, etc.

A report on the status of a Junior Council should be rendered to the officers or members of the Regular Council periodically. The Counsellor should not hesitate to ask for aid or assistance from the Regular Council if and when it is needed.

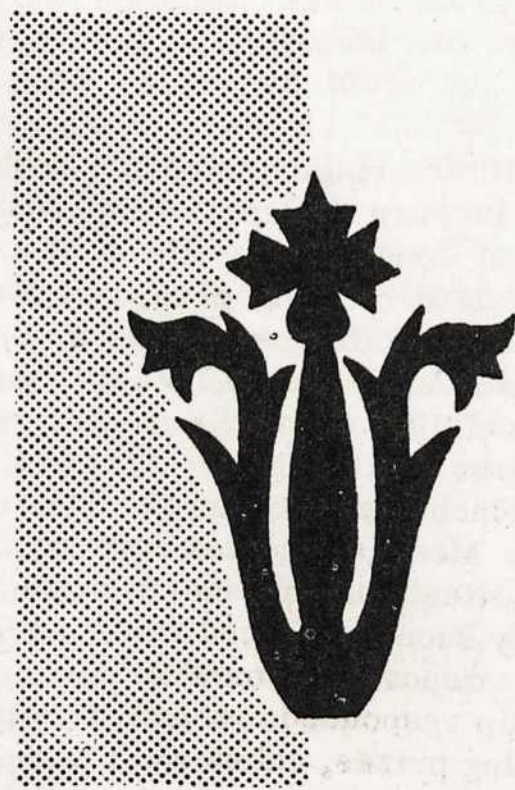
In all contacts with the Junior members - the Junior Counsellor should always be kind, consistent, charitable, loving - and above all set an example before the youth that would inspire them to action which would be creditable to the organization.

Strictness must be observed to a certain degree, but Junior Counsellors are not meant to be policemen or Juvenile Officers. This should be made very clear to the youngsters from the very beginning.



REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

1. As soon as a Junior Council is organized, notification should be sent to the Supreme Council 1st Vice President.
2. Dues of \$5.00 per year for the Junior Council should be sent to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. Dues are payable in January (if the Junior Council is organized during another month, the Supreme Council 1st Vice President will notify you of the amount to send to the Financial Secretary.
3. All Junior members are required to register with the Supreme Council. Registration cards will be sent when the Vice President is notified that a Junior Council has been organized. According to the registration cards returned, membership cards will be issued to those members.
4. Supreme Council 1st Vice President should be sent the following information:
 - (a) Name and address of person to receive copies of VYTIS (there are 5 copies sent to each Junior Council.)
 - (b) Names and addresses of Spiritual Advisor and Jun. Counsellor(s).
 - (c) Names and addresses of Junior Council Officers. (This list should be forwarded every year, as soon as possible after elections are held.)
5. Counsellors should maintain contact with the Supreme Council through the 1st Vice President, by supplying or requesting information, asking for advice or suggestions, etc.



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Mrs. Theresa Strolia, 11747 So. Lafayette, Chicago, ILL. 60628

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pittsburgh, Pa., C-19 Mitzi

This year our council tried a New Year's Eve party instead of our regular Christmas party, and everyone had a good time. It was held at the home of Vyto and Lori Yucius in Mount Lebanon, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

Our plans for the year have not been definitely formulated. Naturally, we will have a spiritual day in commemoration of St. Casimir in March, and we hope all our members will participate.

We are planning to bowl as a group from time to time. As yet we have not been able to reorganize a league.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: spiritual advisor, Rev. Walter Karaveckas; pres., Mildred Chinik; vice pres., Vyto Yucius; 2nd vice pres., Rev. Karaveckas; 3rd vice pres., Antoinette Naujelis; recording sec'y., Eleanor Aleliunas; financial sec'y., Julia Aleshunas; corresponding sec'y., Lorraine Yucius; treas., William Kalicius, Jr.; Lith. affairs, M. Chinik; ritual, Albin Onaitis; sports, Andy Rozger; and sick and cheer, Anna Navickas.

Detroit, Mich. C-79

The well attended December meeting was fast paced. After the business session, Judge Ernest Boehm, gave an informative talk on the legal responsibility and advisability of having a will, and concluded with a question and answer session. Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas conducted our Christmas drawing, and again a member of our sister Council 102, was the 1st place winner, Mr. G. Sherman. Chairman Mrs. E. Paurazas thanked every one for their generous response. A Christmas social concluded the meeting. Ruth Grasha and Eleanore Waskiewicz prepared appropriate goodies for the members.

Chairman Mrs. G. Chaps and her committee presented on Dec. 20, the

Kiddies Christmas party. It was attended by 172 children and 70 adults. The authentic Lithuanian Christmas tree decorations were provided by Mrs. Stella Horta. The feature entertainment was Detroit TV special, Mr. Chips, a capable Chimpanzee, who amazed the kiddies with his antics. Then Mr. Wilson held the kiddies spellbound with his magic and balloon artistry. Throughout the party, George Sinkus, as a Christmas clown, kept the children amused. The party concluded with jolly Ho, Ho, Ho, Leo Smilgis, as Santa, presenting gifts to the kiddies.

It was with humble joy that our C-79 was able to provide Christmas baskets to those whose blessing were not too numerous.

At the start of the New Year our bowling league is rolling along at a competitive spirit. The American Lithuania Vets team is leading the league. The team high single game of 975 was rolled by Chateau Bar, also, high team three games of 2624 was rolled by Chateau Bar. The girls high single, 243 by Mary Adams. Girls high three games, 629 by E. Galinas. The mens high single, 287 by Mike Vale; and high three, 668 by V. Sherman.

Our sympathy and heartfelt sorrows are extended to John Weise and Irene Novitski on the death of their mothers. To Ralph Stankus, death of his father; Walter Pelukas, death of his brother; Albert Jacobs, death of his wife; and to Monica Salas, death



Hits of C-79's Christmas party were Clown, George Sinkus and Santa, Leo Smilgis.

of her brother. A rosary was recited and Mass offered for the deceased.

Detroit, Mich. c-102 Dvynukės

Christmas Day found 102 members delighting the hearts of many children from less fortunate families in our parish, as they and their youngsters delivered packages of food and toys that morning. We are really proud of Bob Boris, Vytas Biliunas, Clem Galinas, Joe Guerriero, Ray Medonis, Chuck Mishakis, Bill Juodwalkis, George Kayganich and their families who displayed the true spirit of the season.

Our annual holiday party was another delightful one! Thanks to C-139 for suggesting a joint affair -- it was our pleasure. As per usual, the buffet served was luscious and full of calories. Many thanks to the Joe Guerrieros, who opened their doors to their fellow Knights, and to Maryanne G. and Katherine Kurpowic for all the preparations. We missed Gus and Gena Baibak, who add quite a punch to a party, but it was nice to see Ruth and Mart Wagster again, and Ann Uznis, after her recent hospital stay was just as cheerful and charming as ever. It's always a pleasure to see our former pres. Frank Peterson and his lovely wife Isabelle and family, who come in from Syracuse, N.Y. for the holidays.

With the ringing in of '65, 102'ers look forward to another successful year of council activities. At a recent board meeting pres. Bill Juodwalkis and officers whipped up a solid calendar of events, both spiritually and socially.

First on the agenda was the Card and Bunco party on Jan. 31. Chairman Terry Medonis and her hard working committee went all out to make this a very successful fund raising event. They report that most of our membership responded enthusiastically in donating prizes, cakes and those precious trading stamp books. At the head of the "give and you shall receive" dept. stands Lillian Petravičius, who contributed an enormous

German Chocolate cake and oodles of delicious ausukes. Imagine her delight in winning a raffle prize -- what else but a cake!

During the month of February we participated in the annual Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration and the St. Anthony Parish concert on Feb. 20th.

On March 7th C. 102 will play host to C. 79 and 139 in the annual remembrance of St. Casimers Day. We will attend Mass in a body at St. Anthony's, and then go on to brunch at the beautiful Congress Motel.

Please circle the following dates in red on your calendar. May 15 and 16 -- the BIG week-end in Detroit. Councils 139 and 102 are combining efforts to host the Annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament. The committee has been meeting weekly and Chairman Bob Boris promises an exceptionally fine time for everyone - bowlers and non-bowlers, so start making your plans now.

Dayton, Ohio C-96 Mame

On Jan. 23, C-96 held their annual dinner meeting and the election of officers at which fifty three members participated.

The officers elected are:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Titus Narbutas; President, Stanley Kavy; 1st. Vice Pres., Charles Petkus; 2nd. Vice Pres., Rita Ambrose, Elaine Lucas and Judith Petrokas; Rec. Secretary, Catherine Prasmantas; Financial Secretary, Frances Mikalauskas; Treasurer, Frank Gudelis; Vytis Correspondants, Mary Ann Blum and Eleanor Mantz; Condolance Secretary, Eva Leasure; Trustees, Veronica Omlor and Ada Sinkwitz; Sgt. at arms, Andrew August; Co-chairmen of Sports, William Knoeffle, John Scott and Theodore Sluzas; Sarysis Representatives, Joseph Gecas and Mrs. E. Sinkwitz; Cultural Chairman, Mary Lucas; Religious Chairman, Pat Zelinskas; Ritual Chairman, Stanley Vaitkus; Lithuanian Affairs, Ann Scott; Social Chairmen, Eloise Berczelly and Frances Petkus; Telephone Squad, Chm., Frances Petkus; and Photographer, George Mikalauskas.

We wish these new officers a very

The members of the Supreme Council and the VYTIS staff extend their sympathies to President Helen Shields and her family on the death of their brother, Thomas, on January 25th.

successful year and also convey our utmost appreciation to the officers of 1964 for a job well done.

Prior to the dinner on this wonderful evening on the 23rd the Council was invited to the new home of John and Ann Scott for the cocktail hour. John was the official greeter at the door and did a marvelous job as "hat check boy". Ann as always was an attentive hostess and did her best to whet the appetites of all for dinner. George Mikalauskas was there with his camera telling everyone "smile". May we say a great big "thank you" to Stanley Kavy and Elaine Lucas for a night to remember.

It has been rumored that our new Social Chairmen, Eloise Berczelly and Fran Petkus, already have great plans in the works ---- looks like a busy year doesn't it?

Our very best wishes to Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, who became grandparents when their daughter Ann and Joe Boeke were blessed with a son on Dec. 26.

Our prayers and sympathy are offered C. Mike Williamitis and his family upon the death recently of his father.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10
Vincukas

On Dec. 17 our council held its annual Christmas party at the Pillars in Princeton. It was a cold, snowy, winter night and added to the Christmas atmosphere. After an excellent dinner Lennie Davidonis acted as Santa and distributed gifts. Father Jutt gave all in attendance candy canes. An hour of friendly conversation ended the evening. We celebrated Howie Beaudette's birthday that evening. A large frosted fruitcake with many, many candles enhanced the dinner table.

Father Jutt has just returned from a month's trip to the Holy Land, Egypt, Switzerland, Germany, and Ireland. We all are looking forward to seeing some of the slides, Father.

Our January meeting was held at the home of Anna Novack in Orange. Thanks for the buffet lunch, Anne.

Member of the Month: Miss Anne Novack of Orange is our newest member, and we can boast that she is the most active in the short membership held. She has a Bachelor of Science in education and a master of education. Besides teaching in the Gardner school system Anne finds time to belong to many clubs and societies. She holds membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, Gardner Teacher's Association, is on the board of directors and membership committee of St. Mary's Women's Club in Orange. She is also treasurer of the local Legion of Mary and is Lithuanian affairs chairman in our own council. Anne is a member of the International Reading Society and has written many articles on teaching for teachers' professional magazines.

Anne is a kind, gracious, woman who is proud of her Lithuanian and Catholic heritage, and we are happy to have her in our midst.

So. Boston, Mass., C-17
Klubo Balsas

As dusk arrived, the weary skiers and fresh-air friends were packing their bags preparing to wend their way home. All reservations had been filled and some folks had to be turned down. Next year see Butch Venis to make your reservations early. Some members who signed up for the ski-weekend couldn't make it due to illness. Joanne Antanelis and Al Jaritis both were hit by the flu bug, and we're sorry they missed all the fun.

The St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was held, and a large group attended from both the council and other parish organizations. The Spring Dance Committee is busy looking for a place to hold the dance. More information will appear in the future issues. The bowling league is still going strong. We are still looking for spares, mostly for their companionship, but also to see that they get some

"BACK TO THE STICKS IN '66"

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exercise. So, come along on Thursday nights at 9 p.m. Plans are being made for the bowling banquet at which awards will be presented. Even though you are not a bowler you are invited to come to the banquet.

At our last meeting it was decided to run a "Vytis Night" and a spaghetti supper, with Donna Grigas as Chairman of the supper. Frank Grigas took some slides of the juniors singing at St. Joseph's Manor in Brockton. This shows what the juniors can do with the proper supervision.

In your charity remember in your prayers the following: Mrs. Blanche Morris, mother of Currie; Mrs. Mary Gorski, mother of Bill; and Charles Suprin, father of Helen. Our sympathy goes out to each of you.

Vytautas Bruzgys and Al Jaritis headed south for some sun... Nijole Jurgela of Providence council and George Stankus recently announced their engagement. Congratulations... Buddy and Mary Zaremba recently bought a new Chevy II... Don and Loretta (Kontrim) Martell went directly from our ski-weekend in New Hampshire to a ski holiday in Vermont... Madeline Druzdis' first aid

courses have been paying dividends. Butch Venis applied some of the knowledge on bruised skiers... Bill Gorski and Father Contons have been busy with their project, the \$100 plate dinner for the benefit of the new nursing home in Brockton. If you can't make this affair and can afford the \$100, why don't you buy a ticket and help out the Sister's of Jesus Crucified. They will be eternally grateful... Jerry Venis spent some time in the hospital and we hope that he is now on the road to recovery... In closing, remember, if you can't take part in a sport be one anyway.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Great Neck, L.I., N.Y. C-109

Snoopy

A few of us are glad to bid 1964 a fond farewell. It was a year in which our very active Treasurer, Lou Ann Sosaris, had a major operation, Bill Bernatovich had surgery, and Anne Martens spent time in the hospital. While visiting in Bridgeport, Conn., Charlie Rogers was taken ill, rushed to the hospital there, and an

emergency operation was performed. All are now well on the road to recovery; we wish them good health for a long time to come.

There was some good news, too. Anne Martens welcomed her daughter's first-born, Chris Burke. Marion and Richard Kurila acquired a new home, and later became the proud parents of a precious bouncing girl, Deborah Ann. Nancy Kober, our youngest member, was chosen "Princess" at the Transfiguration Parish Picnic in Maspeth, and Al Wesey and Josephine Zukas were elected to the N.Y.-N.J. district Executive Board, - Al as President, and Jo as Membership Secretary.

Sue Zebart journeyed to Atlantic City for a siesta, while Rickey Marks spent his vacation in Florida, just missing "Hurricane Cleo" by a few days. Al and Star Wesey traveled to Rumford, Maine, and Tony, Mary, and Nancy Kober spent a week in Kennebunkport. We all attended Lithuanian Day at the New York World's Fair.

We miss members Bertha Saltanis, Stacia Wain, and Alma Shanahan. Come on down to the meetings to see what we're planning for this year. We promise it will be active, fruitful, and

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT



Left: Rev. E. Abromavičius, Pastor Holy Cross Church and Rev. A. Zakaruskas, Spiritual Advisor, Ill.-Ind. District.



Mr. Al Brazis and Mrs. Ona Skever, soloists at the banquet.



Rev. J. Borevicius accepts The Outstanding Lithuanian Award for Rev. B. Markaitis from District President, Vince Samoska. Rev. A. Valancius at the left is waiting to extend congratulations.



Christine Giedraitis receives her prize as winner in The Young People's Division of the Chicagoland Lithuanian Christmas Tree Festival from Frank Zapolis, sponsor.



Rev. M. Urbonavičius and Rev. P. Chinikas.

enjoyable. Until next month, then a very happy St. Patrick's Day to all. May the "luck of the Irish" rub off on the Lithuanians!

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. C-100
Smile & Sparkle

Just a short rundown on what went on during the past year. Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas spent some time in Florida early last spring. They had a wonderful time visiting former Amsterdams, etc. The "bug" hit Mathew and Isabelle Orante who also went South last June. Gene Gobis received a card from them from Miami Beach. The text of the message was "Will try to get back in time for the K. of L. outing (June 28) if at all possible. Meantime, we're getting some much needed rest. Signed Lawrence of Lithuania." The signature had her stumped but not for long.

Mathew Orante had worked hard moving his clothing store to a new location. He moved from Market Street to East Main Street. The store is really a "Show Place". The second floor is an art gallery containing Matt's paintings, sculpture, etc. He has in-

Congratulations to Council News Editor Theresa Strolia and her husband, Faustas, on the birth of their second child. Thomas Algirdas, born on January 26th, weighed 7#s, 20zs.



vited our council to hold a meeting at his place and the council members accepted. The April meeting will be at Matt's.

Many summer week-ends were spent at Lake George by Sophie Olbie, Helen Dombroski, and Gene Gobis. Helen and Gene also took in Manasquan Beach, New Jersey.

Isabelle (Dopkus) and Bill McKinley were in Amsterdam for the Memorial Day Week-end.

Connie Yunker is attending Buffalo State Teachers College. She is a Sophomore this year. Milda Zemaitis graduated from the University of Michigan this summer. She majored in languages.

Father Baltch was in Detroit, Michigan in May. He visited with Dr. Majauskas and his family and also was soloist at a banquet.

Our president John Gerutis spent six months at Fort Dix, N. J. and we were glad to have him back in our fold this December. V.P. Gene Gobis was most happy to have John take over.

Our deepest sympathies to Pauline Urban who lost her mother this past July.

The annual Christmas banquet was held at the Chanticleer Restaurant with Attorney A. C. Stokna acting as toastmaster. Speakers for the event included the Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. John Krivickas of St. Joseph's Church, Amsterdam, Dr. Adam Kindar, and John Gerutis. Prizes were won by Mrs. Pauline Ziausys, Dr. Adam Kindar, and Leonard Olechowski. Christmas carols and Lithuanian folk songs were sung by the guests. Father Baltch rendered two songs from the Lithuanian opera, "Pilenai". He received a tremendous ovation.

Attending the affair were: Rev. R. K. Baltch, Rev. J. Krivickas, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, Atty. and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Dr. Aldona Baltch, George Gravrogkas, Mrs. Irene Wood - Associate Professor at Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baranauskas, Schenec-

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Bishop Brizgys and Rev. A. Valančius, Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor.



The Ill.-Ind. District Choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia performs at the banquet.



Rev. A. Zakarauskas and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, wife of the Lithuanian Consul.

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Gene Gobis received a letter and the original proclamation from Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller proclaiming February 16 as Lithuanian Day in New York State. She also heard from Mayor Marcus Breir of Amsterdam who also advised her that February 16 will be proclaimed Lithuanian Day in the City of Amsterdam.

Father Baltch was surprised with a birthday cake and a remembrance at our February meeting. His birthday Feb. 17. Don Nikstenas was also wished a happy birthday (February 1) and Bill Mc Cune (January 31). Another one celebrating her birthday in February is Eleanor Stakauskas (27). Helping Father Baltch to celebrate were: John Gerutis, Don Nikstenas, Bill Mc Cune, Margaret Boccio, Anna Yunker, Eleanor Stakauskas, Sadie

Karbus, and Gene Gobis.

The annual Communion Breakfast will be at the Sleepy Dutchman on March 7th after the 11:00 a.m. mass. John Gerutis is chairman. Margaret Boccio will be assisting him.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Sunshine

Our Traveling Dinner Party on Nov. 28 was very successful. We were wined and dined at the homes of Margie Gestite, Agnes and John Mickunas, Eleanor Chebatoris, and Ann Alsanakas. Then at the Rathskeller we were entertained by accordianists Agnes Mickunas and Al Ozalis, with everyone joining in a medley of sing-along tunes. Adding gaiety to the evening were Joe and Trudi Simmons, who attend various activities throughout the year.

We had a very good turn out at our Annual Christmas Party and were especially glad to see Al and Terry Dameika and Ray and Erika Pukis -- faces that we just don't see too often. Another welcomed visitor was Santa, who came in cheerfully singing and distributed little gifts to everyone. Our thanks to the able social committee who provided the tasty snacks enjoyed by all.

The 14 below zero weather didn't prevent our 22 members who ventured to the Poconos from having a delightful time. On Saturday many of us went skiing and Sunday the girls cheered on as the men played snow-football. The evenings were just as eventful - for on Saturday night the band at the lodge surprised Ronnie Ozalis with a coconut custard birthday pie to the merry singing of Happy Birthday. Tired and exhausted we were homeward bound Sunday evening.

NEWS BITS: November was quite popular for C-3 Birthdays, but the best celebrated was Helen Shields'. Her friends helped her greet another year with candlelight cocktails and midnight snacks, graciously served at her home.... Congratulations to C-3's newest driver - Lillian Sasnauskas, Happy Motoring Ahead! By the way, if you're interested in a car (new or used) just contact our own Joe Simmons whose new occupation is a Car Salesman.... Our Best Wishes to Margie Gestite and Charles Petronis who announced their engagement Christmas Eve and are planning a November Wedding.... A hearty Welcome to our new members Alberta Bekeris and Joe Warsavage - glad to have you with us.... Dec. 31 found us anxiously awaiting the New Year; joining in the festivities were our friends from Worcester, Ed Daniels and Sparky Morkunas who arrived just in time to bid farwell to the old and greet the New Year... The joyous Holiday Season was brought to a climax with a Combination Russian New Year and Pre-Ski Weekend Party at Joe Yanulaitis's on Jan. 13. Everyone had a delightful time and Joe was a perfect host... Belated Birthday Greetings to Ronnie Ozalis and Al Ozalis (January), Walter Svekla, John Mickunas, and Diane Beletsky (February), and a Very Happy Birthday to Eleanor Chebatoris, Joe Simmons, Felix Kaczanauskas, and Frannie Navickas (March)... Our heartfelt sympathy to Helen Shields on the death of her brother - he will be remembered in our prayers.



These hardy C-3 members braved 14 below zero weather for an enjoyable ski weekend in the Poconos.